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**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
COMMERCE AND TRADE**

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade was called to order by **Representative Joseph Graves**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to adopt the minutes from the **April 21, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Graves laid **HB 4362** before the committee:

HB 4362 (Sheppard)	Worker's compensation; insurers; ownership of surplus by self-insurers; define.
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TESTIMONY

Chair Graves explained his amendment to the bill.

Lee Schwartz, representing the Home Builders Association of Michigan, testified in support of the bill with an amendment. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individual submitted a card but did not wish to speak:

Kit Murphy, representing the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), supports the bill.

Chair Graves offered and moved the following amendment to **HB 4362**:

1. Amend page 10, following line 15, by inserting:
"Enacting section 2. It is the intent of the legislature that the 2015 amendatory act that amended MCL 418.611 clarifies and expresses the original intent of the legislature that employer members own their proportional share of the assets of self-insurer groups authorized under MCL 418.611 in excess of the self-insurer group obligations. Unless a judgment or final order has been entered in the action and all rights to appeal the judgment or final order have been exhausted or have

expired, the amendments made in the 2015 amendatory act that amended MCL 418.611 are intended to apply to any claim made or action taken on or after the effective date of the 2015 amendatory act that amended MCL 418.611 to enforce the ownership rights of employer members participating in a self-insurer group, and to any claim made or action taken to enforce the ownership rights of employer members participating in a self-insurer group that is pending on the effective date of the 2015 amendatory act that amended MCL 418.611."

Chair Graves placed the committee at ease @ 10:40 a.m.
The committee reconvened at 10:41 a.m.
The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 4362**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **19-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Sheppard moved to report **HB 4362** with recommendation as substitute (**H-1**).

The motion prevailed by a vote of **19-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Graves, Sheppard, Callton, Jenkins, Johnson, Rendon, Somerville, Hughes, Barrett, Garcia, Glenn, Leutheuser, Schor, Townsend, Byrd, Garrett, Geiss, Love and Moss,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from:

Deanna Richeson, Director, International Trade Programs and
Jeanne Broad, Director, International Trade Management,
representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
Intermediate Trade Programs

Deanna Richeson and **Jeanne Broad** gave an overview of the International Trade Programs that (MEDC) have assisted small and medium-sized Michigan companies to access and expand into international markets. A handout was submitted to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from:

Paul Opsommer, Legislative Affairs Director,
representing the Detroit International Bridge Company and Central Transport.

Stan Korosec, Director of Security and Governmental Relations Canada,
representing Central Transport and the Ambassador Bridge

Paul Opsommer and Stan Korosec gave an overview of the status of the Michigan/Canada Trade industry and submitted handouts to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from:

Representative Holly Hughes – District 91
Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator,
Erin Kuhn, Executive Director for the Regional Development Commission,
Les Brand, Principal, for the Supply Chain Solutions.

Representative Hughes submitted a handout to the committee members and introduced her constituents representing the Muskegon Port.

Mark Eisenbarth, **Erin Kuhn** and **Les Brand** gave an overview of the status of the Muskegon Port and what legislative action is needed for the port to become more competitive with other U.S. ports. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Sheppard introduced **Paul LaMarre**, Director, representing the Port of Monroe.

Chair Graves opened the floor for a presentation from:

Paul LaMarre, Director of the Port of Monroe.

Paul LaMarre, Director, representing the Port of Monroe, testified regarding the status of the Port of Monroe and suggested Michigan reinvest in its ports as a legislative response.

The following individual submitted a card but did not speak:
Dale Brose, Commissioner, representing the Port of Monroe.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Representative Joseph Graves, Chair
House Standing Committee on Commerce and Trade
Malika Abdul-Basir
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
1 Hour and 26 Minutes